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HUMCO COVID COUNT	TESTS	CASES	HOSPITALIZED	DEATHS	VAX DOSES	PARTLY VAXXED	FULLY
Monday, Jan. 3	145,246	11,352	478	123	169,381	6.45%	62.20%

Shoreline scoured for lost boater



Hunter Lewis

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TRINIDAD – Weekend search and rescue efforts in the Trinidad area having proved fruitless, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was still searching on Monday for Hunter Nathaniel Lewis of Blue Lake. Lewis, 21, failed to return home from a solo canoe voyage in Trinidad the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 30 after possibly entering the ocean near Trinidad Harbor sometime between 10 a.m. and noon. A search of Trinidad Head and the surrounding water was conducted overnight Dec. 30 and 31, with negative results. Search efforts continued though the weekend with Humboldt County Sheriff's Special Services deputies, the



SEARCHERS Volunteers pitching in to find Hunter Lewis gathered in the parking lot of the Seascope restaurant on Sunday morning. **Facebook/Trinidad, CA. Search for Hunter Lewis** JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION Humboldt County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse, the United States Coast Guard and California State Parks fore-

A message from Hunter Lewis's father, Corey

Thank you everyone who has been searching for my lost son Hunter Lewis and any signs of him. I am overwhelmed with gratitude that so many of you have showed up And have worked so hard in such risky conditions. I want to share with you that your efforts are worthwhile. Today I was given back a little piece of my heart. We found a wooden treasure box that I gave Hunter many years ago after a treasure hunt I had organized for him and his brother Bodie. That little wooden box was given to me by my father and I gave it to Hunter. And now a small piece of my son has been returned to me. Thank you all so much.



LEWIS ❖ PAGE 8

McKMAC peers into McKinleyville's future

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – With Humboldt State becoming a polytechnic university, Nordic AquaFarms opening a fish farm on the Samoa Peninsula and the prospect of the port of Humboldt Bay serving offshore wind turbines, Humboldt's economy is about to get a major boost. And with that boost comes increased demand for housing, which could spur development in the McKinleyville Town Center. As part of its ongoing effort to plan for the heart of the unincorporated community, the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) looked at various growth projects.



Maya Conrad

MCKINLEYVILLE ❖ PAGE 8

COVID scourge continues to confound

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – After a rough first year of the pandemic, the second year began with an air of certainty – vaccination was underway and would end the scourge. Humboldt County was getting hit by another wave of COVID-19 but by mid-January, the first phase of vaccination, of health care workers, was almost done. This happened as the virus, SARS-CoV-2, was evolving into more infectious and vaccine-resistant versions known as variants.

The UK was on the world's radar with a surge caused by what would come to be known as the Alpha variant. In a Jan. 14 teleconferenced news briefing, Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman noted that Alpha made up only one out of every 1,000 cases in the U.S. and new mRNA vaccine was "the most efficacious vaccine that I've ever seen," with an "extraordinary" 94 percent effectiveness at preventing



Ian P. Hoffman

Brazil were doing something unexpected – gaining similar evolutionary advantages in spite of having modest

symptomatic infection. Hoffman described vaccination as "the tool that will end this pandemic." By the end of the month, scientists noted that the Alpha variant and others in South Africa and

mutation rates and being geographically far apart. Alpha grew exponentially and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned it would become the dominant strain in the U.S. by March. Vaccine distribution lurched as the county's surge continued but cases were declining elsewhere in California. By mid-February, Humboldt's surge eased and the county had as much vaccine as it could manage.

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Residents are encouraged to recycle their Christmas trees so they may be processed into useful mulch or compost.

This annual free Christmas Tree drop-off and recycling event is sponsored by HWMA, Humboldt Sanitation, Recology and Wes Green Company.

To prepare Christmas trees for recycling, residents must remove all decorations, including ornaments, hooks, garland, tinsel and lights.

Flocked trees may not be recycled.

Cities

- Arcata: Wes Green Company, 6360 West End Rd. Dec. 28 – Jan. 31 (707) 822-8035
- Eureka: HWMA's Hawthorne Street Transfer Station, 1059



SEASON'S DUMPINGS A once-loved Christmas Tree unceremoniously dumped in the street.

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West Hawthorne St. Dec. 27 – Jan. 17 (707) 268-8680

- Ferndale: Ferndale Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Dec. 26 – Jan. 5 (707) 725-5156
- McKinleyville: Humboldt Sanitation Transfer Station, 2585 Central Ave., McKinleyville, Dec.

26 – Jan. 16 (707) 839-3285

- Fortuna: Recology Eel River's Fortuna Transfer Station, 965 Riverwalk, Fortuna Dec. 26 – Jan. 15 (707) 725-5156
- Rio Dell: Rio Dell City Hall, 675 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell (back parking lot), Dec. 26th – Jan. 7th(707) 764-3532

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- Humboldt Sanitation: Please call for pick up and inquire about pickup charges. (707) 839-3285
- Recology: City of Arcata residential customers can schedule a bulky item-pickup to pick up unflocked trees on their regular pick-up days. (707) 442-5711
- City of Eureka and Humboldt County Franchise Areas: If a customer has green waste service, Recology can pick unflocked trees up on their regular pick up day for no charge.

Customers without curbside green waste services can request pick-up on Saturday, Jan. 8 for \$5/tree.



SCOUTS TAKING TREES

SCOUTS AT THE READY Boy Scout Troop 15 and Cub Scout Pack 95 are once again picking up Christmas trees and hauling them to greenwaste for the community in Eureka, Arcata and McKinleyville areas on Saturday Jan. 8 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a pickup, call or text (707) 273-1997 or email arcatacubscouts@gmail.com with your name, address and phone number. This is a community service project for the Scouts and there is no fixed cost to pick up your tree – donations are accepted and appreciated but are not required. All donations will help fund camping and other outings and summer camp for the Scouts. PHOTO COURTESY DAN GALE

❖ RAIN WEEK DATE	INCHES OF RAIN	SINCE OCT. 1	LAST YEAR	NOR-MAL
Sunday, Dec. 26	.96	13.39	06.40	14.07
Monday, Dec. 27	.16	13.55	06.40	14.33
Tuesday, Dec. 28	.16	13.71	06.40	14.58
Wednesday, Dec. 29	.00	13.71	06.40	14.82
Thursday, Dec. 30	.13	13.84	06.90	15.06
Friday, Dec. 31	.07	13.91	06.92	14.30
Saturday, Jan. 1	.00	13.91	07.35	15.53

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EUREKA POLICE DEPT.
EUREKA – On December 30, 2021, around 2:45 p.m., a multi-agency law enforcement team was working to apprehend a wanted felon near Third and T streets in Eureka.

During the apprehension, the suspect used a vehicle to ram law enforcement vehicles and driving towards officers. An officer involved shooting (OIS) occurred at this time.

Immediately following the shooting, the suspect fled in the vehicle, causing a traffic collision at Fifth and V streets.

The suspect then fled on foot into a greenbelt near Sixth and T streets. Officers quickly set up a perimeter around the greenbelt and locked down the immediate area.

At about 3:20 p.m., the suspect was located hiding in the greenbelt and taken into custody without further incident and was taken to the hospital for medical evaluation and treatment.

The Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) has been activated. This is an active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact lead investigators EPD Senior Detective Amber Cosetti at (707) 441-4315 or DA Investigator Martin Morris at (707) 268-2578.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Dramatist George Bernard
- List of candidates
- Moon: Sp.
- North Sea nation: abbr.
- Highest scorer, in golf
- Smooth
- Region
- Made of a certain wood
- Departed
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Falls
- Rest
- Irk
- Orange or peach
- Eur. language
- Preach
- Word with land or free
- Rocky crag
- Religious title
- Siamese coin
- Teased good-naturedly
- Assn.
- Hit the sack
- Polish off
- To boot
- Gem
- up; misbehave
- Tiny land mass
- Set out
- See 9 Down
- Regular payment
- So-called
- Strip
- Sticker
- Part
- Mr. Guinness
- Accustom: var.
- One of four in a deck
- Swallow's place
- Dutch painter Jan
- Spots

DOWN

- Word with shot or dragon
- Novel's star
- Solar disk
- Nonspecific article
- Sailing vessel
- Give temporarily
- Invite
- Youth
- With 50 Across, 2012 British Open winner
- Account books
- Eye layer
- By
- "..... partridge in a pear..."
- Boatman's need
- Dodge
- Flawless
- Russian rulers, once: var.
- Singing group
- Game of chance
- Tibetan antelope
- Ring-shaped island
- Wordy's opposite
- Plant fungus
- Article
- Fix in place
- Island whose capital is Canea
- Too heavy
- Look over carefully
- Declares
- Zealous
- Sneezy and feverish
- Llamas' home
- Girl's name
- Bridge
- Saga
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Birnie's bouquet of bad decisions

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
McKINLEYVILLE – On Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, at about 1:06 a.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies on patrol in the McKinleyville area conducted a routine traffic stop for a vehicle code violation on Central Avenue.

Deputies contacted two individuals inside the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle, 44-year-old Joseph George Birnie, was found to have a restraining order against him prohibiting contact between Birnie and the adult female passenger of the vehicle.

Birnie was taken into custody for violating the restraining order. During a search



Joseph George Birnie

of Birnie and his vehicle, deputies located over 5 grams of methamphetamine, over six pounds of processed cannabis, a loaded firearm, ammunition and materials consistent with the sale of controlled substances.

Birnie was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance while armed, transportation/sale of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for sales, violating a court order and possession of cannabis.

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Whiskey and Bill bring a positive attitude to 2022

Happy New Year everyone! 2021 wasn't willing to let go without a fight apparently. Crazy storms created havoc all over the county and beyond.

Many dogs came into the shelter and the long holiday weekends weren't helping to get them back out. Redwood Pals had a transport planned for five big puppies and a litter from the valley to go up to Portland.

The weather threw everything possible in the way. Snow and ice and downed trees in the roads made travel impossible. Our partners up in Portland had to postpone adoption appointments due to snow there which meant they needed to re-schedule at their end to make space for our dogs. Jeez... Hopefully by the time you read this we will have been able to meet their driver in Grants Pass and hand off 14 puppies! Here's hoping 2022 will be an easier year for everyone.

The shelter has a four business day legal hold for dogs and cats after they arrive. This time is meant to allow owners to come and retrieve their pets. With two holiday weekends in a row, it has taken a little longer for the animals to complete their legal hold period and go up for adoption, but now there are quite a few new dogs available.

You can always see the currently available dogs and cats at petharbor.com. Two new dogs up for adoption are Whiskey and Bill.

Whiskey is a two year old fawn colored female. She is what we sometimes call a pocket pittie, small and compact. This little girl came in in somewhat rough shape after having a litter of pups that had died. (Don't even get me started on backyard breeders.)

She was quickly treated for pyome-

Bill

❖ DOGTOWN
Mara Segal

tra, a uterine infection and soon felt so much better.

Whiskey has impressed everyone with her sweet nature and *joie de vivre!* Even as she headed to her emergency vet visit she was giving everyone kisses. Whiskey has a resilient spirit and now that her hard times are behind her she is loving playing with toys, getting pets and going out for walks.

Whiskey probably hasn't spent a lot of time with other dogs but she is doing well with walking with others as she gains confidence.

Her happiness is infectious and everyone who has spent time with her comes away feeling better than when they went in. Come meet this little lovebug and see for yourself!

Another new dog is Bill. Bill is a one-year-old black Lab mix. He enjoys

walks and playing fetch and seems to be pretty friendly with other dogs.

Bill is not a big leash puller and seems like a dog that would be easy to train in more obedience, though he does know a few skills already. He is a good-natured boy that appreciates his handler's attention.

We have the feeling his previous people didn't spend much time with him. He was found running loose and no one came to claim him. The family that brings this young fellow into their home will get an appreciative companion! Make an appointment with the shelter to meet Bill! Both Whiskey and Bill are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter in McKinleyville.

All adoptable animals are spayed or neutered, micro-chipped and current on vaccinations.

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The bus-only ticketing options are now available in the following locations:

- Route 1C: Bakersfield – Van Nuys – West Los Angeles/UCLA – Santa Monica
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- Route 19: Bakersfield – Pasadena – Riverside – San Bernardino

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Reintroducing Valley West, Arcata's crossroads and regional resource

Diverse, full of challenges and opportunities, north Arcata is poised for renewal

Welcome to the first article of a weekly series highlighting Valley West, the northern most neighborhood of Arcata. We begin the New Year introducing residents and visitors to this vital area of Arcata that is important to the entire community and the region in general.

First, a geography lesson. Yes, Valley West is part of Arcata, even though many people might have mistakenly thought that its isolation made it part of McKinleyville. And, to the surprise of many, this neighborhood extends well beyond the triangle formed by Highways 101 and 299 and the Mad River.

According to the City of Arcata Neighborhood map, Valley West includes the area all the way west and south to Pacific Union School on Janes Road, thereby including the Mad River Community Hospital, United Indian Health Services (Potawot), Lazy J Senior Mobile Home Park, Mad River Rapids RV Park, and the Arcata-Humboldt Welcome Center and Federal Agency complex on Heindon Road.

Our plan for this weekly column is to highlight current happenings and the potential for future events that can be found in the most diverse neighborhood in Arcata, both in terms of ethnic background and commercial endeavors. We will include articles that highlight interesting educational news from the four centers of education within Valley West: Pacific Union School, Laurel Tree Charter School, Six Rivers Montessori School, and Little Learners Preschool. Collectively, over 750 students are learning and expanding their horizons in Valley West schools. In addition, two martial arts studios provide physical and mental empowerment and education for both children and adults.

We will include articles on developments and thrilling opportunities generated by the over 50 businesses within Valley West. The Valley West Shopping Center alone includes over 20 storefronts that have continued to survive throughout the pandemic.

From car parts to tabletop games to gravel to tools to party hats to farm supplies – a little bit of just about everything can be found for purchase in Valley West. Over 10 restaurants and coffee businesses, including the only fast-food, hamburger chain establishments in Arcata, can be found in this neighborhood.

Motel Row

Arcata's Motel Row is conveniently placed in Valley West, next to offramps from both Highways 101 and 299. These seven motels accommodate the many travelers, tourists, and parents of Humboldt students that visit Arcata.

This true "Gateway" to Arcata may change soon, with the impending Homekey projects that would convert both



CHEERS! The Community United of North Arcata (CUNA) held their Winter Arts and Artisan Market at the Red Roof Inn in Arcata's Valley West on Saturday, Dec. 18. CUNA has been holding various events in an effort to promote what many feel is an overlooked and underappreciated part of Arcata. The Humboldt County Public Health Dept. also held a vaccination clinic at the inn, offering incentives for individuals aged 60 and older and their caregivers. Left, Keshanne Whitworth of Shanny Moon. Right, Wilson Nester and Laura Muñoz of CUNA welcome visitors.

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the Days Inn and the Red Roof Inn to Permanent Supportive Housing for the chronically homeless.

This rushed decision to remove 130-plus rooms from the motel accommodation list has come as a surprise to many residents, both within Valley West and throughout the city. This conversion of the Red Roof Inn to a "gated community" would also eliminate the only meeting/conference/large event room for rent in all of northern Arcata.

The Red Roof Inn's large onsite restaurant was also being considered for reopening by restaurateurs, but a rezoning decision will sadly eliminate this potential for additional dining for visitors and local residents.

The Arcata City Council will decide on this major zoning conversion in Valley West tonight at their regular meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 6 p.m. Hopefully they will think through the many short and long-term impacts of this far-reaching decision.

The coming of CUNA

CUNA (Comunidad Unida del Norte de Arcata), a project of Cooperation Humboldt, was formed in early 2021 and is dedicated to building a better represented Valley West through community engagement and strategic collaboration.

A contract from the City of Arcata for \$217,000 over the next three years will focus on: the development of a Valley West Business Improvement District (similar to Arcata's

Main Street); the planning and creation of a Valley West Family/Community Resource Center (selected as a high priority by the Arcata City Council); and the promotion of events at Carlson Park, off of Giuntoli Lane.

CUNA (which means "cradle" in Spanish) has already formally "adopted" the entryway of Carlson Park and is conducting monthly trash cleanups and other ongoing events for everyone's entertainment and enjoyment.

This 19-acre City Park, which provides the only access to the Mad River within Arcata, was dedicated to the City by Caltrans in 2017. The majority of the property is designed to be managed for habitat protection, but the 1.8 acres that can be developed still does not have any improvements in place for use by the many families with children who live nearby.

Watch this space for upcoming exciting events, sponsored by CUNA, for the entire family in 2022.

Getting to know Valley West

In closing, we welcome you to Valley West behind the scenes. Future articles in this space will highlight and encourage more engagement with your Valley West neighbors.

Since this neighborhood includes the largest concentration of Spanish-speaking residents in Arcata, we will also include some articles both in Spanish and English to accommodate these hardworking families and individuals.

Be sure to come and join us for entertaining, fun and family-friendly activities throughout the Valley West neighborhood of Arcata.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere condolences to the Dellabalma Family and all the employees at TP Tire, who lost Russell Dellabalma on December 16, 2021. This third-generation co-owner of TP Tire on Giuntoli Lane will be sadly missed by all the customers who were served by this hardworking man.

This dedicated gentleman sincerely cared about getting everyone, both locals and travelers, back on the road safely and quickly. He is an exceptional example of an involved business owner who still got his hands dirty, and his passing is a big loss for the Valley West community.

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CLAM BEACH RUN REMINDER Mike Williams, owner of the Jogg'n Shoppe in Arcata, reminds all runners that they can do late registration for this year's Clam Beach Run at his store on Friday, Jan. 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. That's the day before the race for all those who are watching the weather and waiting to decide whether to run. The Jogg'n Shoppe is located at 1090 G St. in Arcata. Williams, who won the race in 1988 (he's holding the photo) is hoping that a number of his friends will run this year, in memory of their late coach, Jim Hunt. The Clam Beach Run starts at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29 at Saunders Park in Trinidad. This year's race, coming back from a COVID-19 hiatus, will be 5 3/4 miles. For more information, visit exploretinradad.com/tcbr. Runners who want a T-shirt must register by Monday, Jan. 10.

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COVID | Stressful twists and turns as virus evolves

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Late February saw the lifting of many restrictions. Businesses, restaurants and religious centers re-opened at reduced capacities.

In a mid-March update to the county’s Board of Supervisors, Hoffman talked of a “palpable change” in the pandemic. Case rates and hospitalizations were down and Hoffman described regional ICU capacity monitoring as “a bit of a thing of the past.”

The pandemic then entered a phase of quickly changing dynamics that confounded public health officials.

Fighting to ‘get it under control’

In late March, Hoffman told supervisors that the county would soon be re-assigned to a lesser risk tier in the state’s ranking system.

Just a week later, he revised the forecast. COVID-19 cases were ticking up nationally and regionally and it was revealed that Humboldt’s case decline reflected a lack of testing.

But a week after that, the county was moved down a level in COVID risk and a summer filled with outdoor and indoor events was forecasted. Bars reopened and audience events were planned.

Still, variants were showing a trend of increased transmissibility and antibody resistance, and even as vaccination advanced there was nagging doubt about the promised end of the pandemic.

“A big concern among public health officials is that a vaccine-resistant variant will develop before we are able to get it under control,” said county Communicable Disease Program Supervisor Hava Phillips in an April 2 press release.

The emergence of yet another variant in India sparked worry, as it had mutations that suggested enhanced transmissibility and vaccine evasion. It would come to be known as Delta. But the county and the nation would have to deal with Alpha first. In April it became the dominant strain in the U.S.

The county’s case rate resurged by late April but restrictions had become bitterly unpopular and the state announced a mid-June grand reopening date.

Although local vaccine uptake was getting sluggish, Hoffman told the Board of Supervisors that “we can keep the momentum of the vaccine effort one step ahead of any resurgence of the virus.”

He conjured a scenario of sitting shoulder-to-shoulder at Humboldt Crabs games on a “crisp Humboldt evening,” with vaccinated spectators “cheering alongside your friends and neighbors” once again.

In early May, a local coronavirus sample from the previous month was confirmed to be Alpha.

It had been covertly spreading all along and was soon identified as the dominant strain in Humboldt County as cases and hospitalizations rose.

But due to changes in the state’s criteria, the county’s

risk category wasn’t changed.

Delta ascends

Hoffman described Alpha’s swift ascent as “a dramatic turning of the tide” but Humboldt and the rest of the state barreled toward the June 15 reopening with steely resolve.

There was a push to drive up the county’s rate of fully vaccinated residents, which was at 38 percent in mid-May.

Hoffman looked to the near future and said that after July, the combination of vaccination progress and previous infection will “leave less options for the virus to continue to infect.”

He also said that “vaccine protection appears to be much more long-lasting than we originally thought.”

One local case had been linked to the Delta variant from India but it was from a sample the month before with no additional detections since.

The state’s coronavirus stay at home order, risk tier system and almost all restrictions were lifted on June 15, leaving infection control up to individuals and businesses that chose to require precautions.

The timing was awkward. By late June, the county’s case rate was climbing and in the first week of July, Delta drove a case spike in Los Angeles County.

As July ended Delta was causing eight in 10 infections in the U.S. A county press release reported that Delta infection “results in high viral loads in both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.”

On August 7, the county reinstated a universal masking mandate as a case quake erupted. New cases climbed near the 500 mark that week and there were 31 more hospitalizations.

At the Aug. 10 supervisors meeting, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell commented on a communal sense of fear.

“I want to recognize that we’re kind of going backwards and that’s scary for a lot of people,” she said.

The Delta surge was the worst the county had yet seen. Reinstating restrictions wasn’t tolerable but businesses were closing anyway, due to employees being sick or in quarantine.

Though vaccine effectiveness was reduced, protection against severe illness and death remained solid. But the potency of vaccine protection was wilting and the county urged residents to get booster vaccine doses.

As the grim month of August neared its end, ICU capacity was maxed out and Delta was making younger people sicker.

“COVID-19 has proven to be a formidable opponent and it is safe to say everyone is exhausted,” Hoffman told supervisors at their Aug. 24 meeting. Fifty-two percent of the county’s population was fully-vaccinated.

Enter Omicron

The high tide of cases, hospitalizations and deaths continued to overwhelm health care and public health staff. But schools opened and with the surge’s ease in late September, the county reported that there had only been a

“handful” of in-school COVID-19 transmissions.

October saw the county’s COVID-19 case rates drop and plateau. There were 779 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in October, down from the 1,444 cases logged in September.

Hoffman said “the numbers have generally been headed in the right direction” and the county was considering “how we can respond appropriately to start to loosen some restrictions.”

On November 8, the county’s outdoor mask requirement was lifted. Humboldt’s fully vaccinated rate was at 59 percent and 80 percent was named as a lever for complete lifting of the mask mandate.

Booster shots continued to be urged as length of mRNA vaccine protection was shown to be only six months. A winter surge was feared as California’s case rate began to climb again.

And another startling variant, Omicron, was detected in the state after causing a fourth wave of cases in South Africa. Omicron is an evolutionary milestone, with amped-up infection and immune evasion powers.

As it advanced, studies and real world data showed that the protection timespan of booster shots is only four months. Subsequent studies estimate the length at 10 weeks.

2022 is beginning with the county braced for the impact of Omicron, which is driving record case surges in the U.S. and Europe.

Perhaps the new variant causes less severe disease. But Omicron may be contributing to an increase in hospitalizations of U.S. children and overall hospitalizations are also rising.

Progress made

Though troublesome, 2021 was a year that saw progress – as noted in a Thanksgiving message from Humboldt County Health Director Sofia Pereira.

She said that vaccine is “probably our biggest single development” and one that has saved many lives and prevented much suffering. There are also treatments, including antiviral drugs and monoclonal antibodies.

“Scientists also have a better understanding of the virus that was as it’s named – novel, completely new,” Pereira continued. “And with better understanding we know that better prevention and treatment options are not far behind.”

But humanity is only half the equation so it’s also time to reflect on the progress the virus has made.

It has quickly adapted to the human environment and its increasingly effective ability to spread has been described as unprecedented.

The seemingly supernatural pace of Omicron’s spread alone shows that viral evolution and the future of the pandemic are beyond prediction.

In 2020, the county saw 1,764 COVID-19 cases, 66 hospitalizations and 22 deaths.

In 2021, the totals rose to 10,952 cases, 477 hospitalizations and 122 deaths.

The New Year begins with the county’s full vaccination rate at 62 percent.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CLINTON DEAN REBIK CASE NO.: PR2100344

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

CLINTON DEAN REBIK

A Petition for Probate has been filed by THOMAS PATRICK ROSCOE in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: THOMAS PATRICK ROSCOE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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Date: JAN. 6, 2022

Time: 1:31 PM

Dept.: 6

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME MARY LOU RAYMOND SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2101756 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **MARY LOU RAYMOND** to Proposed name: **JENNIFER MARIE RAYMOND**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: JAN. 28, 2022

Time: 1:45 p.m.

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3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: DEC. 13, 2021

Kelly L. Neel

Judge of the Superior Court

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHLEEN JANETTE MURRAY HUNTRESS CASE NO.: PR2100356

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

KATHLEEN JANETTE MURRAY HUNTRESS

A Petition for Probate has been filed by JONATHAN MORENO in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JONATHAN MORENO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: JAN. 27, 2022

Time: 1:31 PM

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If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA E. EDWARDS CASE NO.: PR2100355

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

BARBARA ELAINE EDWARDS

A Petition for Probate has been filed by JOSHUA N. EDWARDS in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JOSHUA N. EDWARDS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

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8 High Street shed found fairly full of fentanyl

EUREKA POLICE DEPT.
EUREKA – On the morning of Dec. 25, 2021, the Eureka Police Department (EPD) received information that Eureka residents, 33-year-old Brandon Haselip and 31-year-old Michelle McDaniel had active arrest warrants for committing armed robbery in Mendocino County.

At about 6:40 p.m., EPD Officers located Haselip and McDaniel in a parked vehicle near the 3200 block of High Street in Eureka. McDaniel was taken into custody without incident. Haselip escaped and fled on foot into a shed to the rear of a nearby residence. Haselip voluntarily exited the shed and was taken into custody after



SMORGASBORD A colorful array of uppers, downers and general brain scramblers located in the High Street shed. VIA EPD

EPD and Humboldt County Sheriff Deputies set up a perimeter. During the investigation, it was discovered that Haselip and McDaniel had been residing in the shed on High Street. Due to both subjects being on various forms of probation, a search of the shed was conducted, resulting in the seizure of the following items:

- Approximately 2.4 ounces of Fentanyl
- Approximately 1.7 grams of Cocaine

- Multiple Percocet and benzodiazepines pills
- Packaging material and digital scales commonly used for drug sales
- Stolen property associated with the recent robbery in Mendocino County

Haselip and McDaniel were transported and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for the Mendocino warrants. Haselip was also booked for fresh charges of possession of controlled substances for sales and probation violation.

ARCATA MARSH TOUR
Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Meet leader Lynn Jones at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on the human and natural history of the North Bay. Masks are required inside the building; have one handy to comply with current County COVID rules outdoors. s(707) 826-2359.

WOMEN & GIRLS BIRD-WATCHING WALK
Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided Women & Girls Birdwatching Walk on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ma-le'l Dunes Unit of Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Leaders Gail Kenny and Denise Seeger will explore the unique (and restored!) dune habitats which host a variety of songbirds along with shorebirds, seabirds, gulls, and raptors including osprey, harriers and kites, and often some surprising characters as well. Join them for a morning of what will likely be exceptional Humboldt birding! For reservations and meeting location, contact Janelle at janelle.choj@gmail.com.

BIRDING AT THE MARSH
Join Redwood Region

Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Meet leader Larry Karsteadt at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata. The cold January air almost always leads to gorgeous and clear views, making birds like sandpipers, pelicans, godwits, curlews, gulls, harriers, and ducks even more magnificent to watch. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Let us know you plan to attend by text/messaging Ralph Bucher at (707) 499-1247, or email thebook@reninet.com with the walk date and name, email and phone number for each participant.

BIRDING AT WILDLIFE REFUGE
Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, Jan. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet leader Ralph Bucher for a walk along the Shorebird Loop Trail where winter regularly brings almost countless Aleutian cackling geese, white-tailed kites, northern harriers, red-tailed hawks, and peregrine falcons. You will have excellent views of wintering shorebirds and waterbirds that find great foraging habitat in the ponds and mud of this wildlife refuge. Black-capped chickadees, yellow-rumped warblers, kinglets, hermit thrushes, wrens, and many other species abound. The 2 mile walk is easily accessible on a wide, flat, packed gravel trail. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Let us know you plan to attend by text/messaging Ralph Bucher at (707) 499-1247, or email thebook@reninet.com with the walk date and name, email and phone number for each participant.

McKinleyville

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tions at its Dec. 29 meeting. John Miller, a senior planner with the Humboldt County Planning Department, presented a chart showing McKinleyville's population slowing rising, from 16,262 in 2020 to 17,257 in 2030, 18,002 in 2040, 18,562 in 2050 and 18,981 in 2060. Some of that growth may come from Humboldters moving from other communities to McKinleyville. But there may also be people moving to McKinleyville from outside the county.

McKMAC Chair Maya Conrad noted that what's unknown is how many people will seek refuge in McKinleyville to escape the effects of climate change elsewhere. "I do feel that's a wild card," Conrad said.

The McKMAC also reviewed what is allowed in the Town Center under the current zoning compared to the proposed zoning.

Projects that are allowed now, but would be prohibited under the proposed zoning, include drive-thrus, gas stations, auto repair shops, car lots, boat lots, trailer lots, warehouses, storage facilities and artisan shops that are not open for retail sales.

The proposed zoning would also prevent "big box" stores from being built in the Town Center. However, that doesn't mean that a Walmart or Target couldn't open in the Town Center. They just couldn't be located in buildings that look like a "big box."

The McKinleyville Community Plan, adopted in 2002, further explains the "big box" ban.

"The Town Center Area shall have no additional drive-thru restaurants, and no large 'big-box' department stores, as defined. Rather, the department stores should be divided into several separate rooms or buildings to avoid the look of the giant retail, department store," the plan states.

In his presentation, Miller also provided figures for the maximum buildout of the Town Center based on current zoning and the proposed zoning.

Under the current zoning, the Town Center could have 900 housing units and 9,160,000 square feet of commercial space. Under the proposed zoning, the Town Center could have 1,100 housing units and 9,600,000 square feet of commercial space.

However, these numbers don't take into account the limitations on development in the Town Center, where there are large swaths of undevelopable wetlands.

The McKMAC spent much of the evening going through a draft ordinance line by line, making edits and seeking clarification.

Lewis

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Search crews utilized a Coast Guard helicopter, a Coast Guard cutter and small boats in addition to searching on foot.

Hunter Lewis is described as a white male, about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, 135 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark-colored wet suit.

More than 50 people gathered Sunday morning at the Seascope Restaurant's parking lot in Trinidad to join the ongoing hunt.

Corey Lewis, Hunter's father, and organizer Ross Taylor, assigned groups to locations and gave safety directions – reminding those gathered about slippery rocks and no cell service etc.

"We're still continuing to search," explained Jae Wood, who has been helping the missing man's family since Hunter Lewis disappeared while canoeing near the tiny seaside town.

Wood said, "We're very grateful to all the private property owners that are giving us access. And all the searchers."

A large piece of Lewis' canoe was later located at the Martin Creek Trail beach north of Trinidad.

Along with a Facebook page to gather support for the search, a Gofundme page titled "Help with Hunter Lewis's Search Expenses" has been established at gofundme.com.

If anyone searching locates a possible item belonging to Hunter Lewis, please contact the Humboldt County Sheriff's at (707) 445-7251.

Kym Kemp of Red-headed Blackbelt contributed to this story. ky-mkemp.com

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